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ELECTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 20, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the species of the second embodiment represented by Fig. 2 in the present application. Applicants believe that Claims 7-21 are readable on this species.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

If any further fee is due for this submission, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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